

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: K. Rinehart

Art Unit: 3749

In re Application of: Higgins

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For: METHOD FOR IN-FURNACE REDUCTION AND CONTROL OF SULFUR TRIOXIDE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 22, 2006 and the accompanying Request for Continuing Examination. Please provide a two-month extension of time for this response. This firm's check in the amount of \$620 is enclosed for the RCE and Extension. However, if any additional Extension of Time or other fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.

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